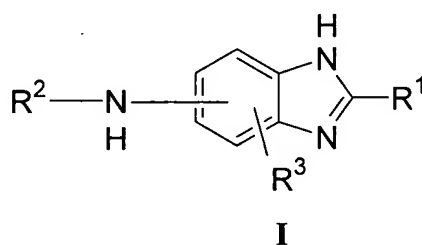


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.(Presently amended)A compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof, wherein:

a is 0 or 1;

b is 0 or 1;

~~R¹ is selected from aryl groups and heterocyclyl groups, wherein said aryl groups and heterocyclyl groups are~~ thiazolyl, optionally substituted with one or more R⁴ groups;

~~R² is selected from~~ -(C=O)NR⁵R⁶;

1) ~~-(C=O)NR⁵R⁶;~~

2) ~~-(C=O)_a(C₁₋₁₀)alkyl;~~

3) ~~-(C=O)_a(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;~~

4) ~~-(C=O)_a(C₂₋₈)alkynyl;~~

5) ~~-(C=O)_a(C₃₋₁₀)cycloalkyl;~~

6) ~~-(C=O)_a(C₃₋₈)heterocyclyl; and~~

7) ~~-(C=O)_aaryl;~~

~~wherein, said aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocyclyl, and cycloalkyl are each optionally substituted with one or more groups independently chosen from R⁴ or two R⁴ groups can, whether or not on the same atom, be taken together with any attached or intervening atoms to which they are attached, form a 3-7 membered ring;~~

R³ and R⁴ are each independently selected from:

- 1) hydrogen,
- 2) halogen,
- 3) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{1-10})alkyl$,
- 4) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{2-8})alkenyl$,
- 5) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{2-8})alkynyl$,
- 6) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{3-10})cycloalkyl$,
- 7) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{3-8})heterocyclyl$,
- 8) $-(C=O)_aO_baryl$,
- 9) $-(C=O)_aNR^5R^6$,
- 10) $-O_b(C=O)NR^5R^6$,
- 11) $-NR^5(C=O)_aO_bR^b$,
- 12) $-NR^5(C=O)NR^5R^6$,
- 13) $-NR^5S(O)_2R^b$,
- 14) $-(C=O)OH$,
- 15) trifluoromethoxy,
- 16) trifluoroethoxy,
- 17) $-O_b(C_{1-10})perfluoroalkyl$,
- 18) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{1-10})alkyl$,
- 19) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{2-8})alkenyl$,
- 20) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{2-8})alkynyl$,
- 21) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{3-10})cycloalkyl$,
- 22) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{3-8})heterocyclyl$,
- 23) $-S(O)_2O_baryl$,
- 24) $-NR^5S(O)_2NR^5R^6$,
- 25) $-CN$
- 26) $-NO_2$,
- 27) oxo, and
- 28) $-OH$,

wherein said aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocyclyl, and cycloalkyl are each optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups;

R^5 and R^6 are each independently selected from:

- 1) hydrogen,
- 2) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{1-10})alkyl$,
- 3) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{2-8})alkenyl$,

- 4) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{2-8})alkynyl$,
- 5) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{3-10})cycloalkyl$,
- 6) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{3-8})heterocyclyl$,
- 7) $-(C=O)_aO_baryl$,
- 8) $-(C=O)N(R^b)_2$,
- 9) trifluoromethoxy,
- 10) trifluoroethoxy,
- 11) $-(C_{1-10})perfluoroalkyl$,
- 12) $-S(O)_2N(R^b)_2$, and
- 13) $-S(O)_2O_bR^b$,

wherein, said alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl are optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups, or

R^5 and R^6 can be taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle with 5-7 members in each ring and optionally containing, in addition to the nitrogen, one or two additional heteroatoms selected from N, O, and S, wherein said monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle is optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups;

R^Z is selected from:

- 1) hydrogen,
- 2) halogen,
- 3) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{1-10})alkyl$,
- 4) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{2-8})alkenyl$,
- 5) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{2-8})alkynyl$,
- 6) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{3-10})cycloalkyl$,
- 7) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{3-8})heterocyclyl$,
- 8) $-(C=O)_aO_baryl$,
- 9) $-(C=O)_aN(R^b)_2$,
- 10) $-O_b(C=O)N(R^b)_2$,
- 11) $-NR^b(C=O)_aO_bR^b$,
- 12) $-NR^b(C=O)N(R^b)_2$,
- 13) $-NR^bS(O)_2R^b$,
- 14) $-(C=O)OH$,
- 15) trifluoromethoxy,
- 16) trifluoroethoxy,

- 17) $-\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{perfluoroalkyl}$,
- 18) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{alkyl}$,
- 19) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{2-8})\text{alkenyl}$,
- 20) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{2-8})\text{alkynyl}$,
- 21) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-10})\text{cycloalkyl}$,
- 22) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-8})\text{heterocyclyl}$,
- 23) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b\text{aryl}$,
- 24) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^b)_2$
- 25) $-\text{NR}^b\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^b)_2$
- 26) $-\text{CN}$,
- 27) $-\text{NO}_2$,
- 28) oxo, and
- 29) $-\text{OH}$,

wherein, said aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocyclyl, and cycloalkyl are each optionally substituted with one or more R^a groups;

R^a is selected from hydrogen, OH, $(\text{C}_{1-6})\text{alkoxy}$, halogen,

CO_2H , CN, $\text{O}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{C}_{1-6}\text{ alkyl}$, NO_2 , trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy,

$-\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{perfluoroalkyl}$, and NH_2 ; and

R^b is hydrogen, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{alkyl}$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{2-8})\text{alkenyl}$,

$-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{2-8})\text{alkynyl}$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-10})\text{cycloalkyl}$,

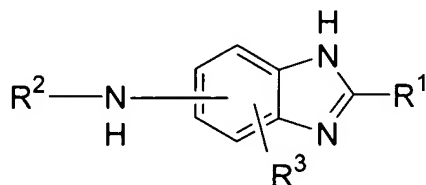
$-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-8})\text{heterocyclyl}$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b\text{aryl}$, and $(\text{O})_2\text{R}^a$;

$-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^a)_2$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b\text{R}^a$, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, or $-\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{perfluoroalkyl}$,

wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, and heterocyclyl are optionally substituted with up to three substituents selected from CO_2H , NH_2 , OH, $(\text{C}_{1-6})\text{alkoxy}$, halogen, CN, $\text{O}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{C}_{1-6}\text{ alkyl}$, NO_2 , trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, $-\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{perfluoroalkyl}$ and $\text{N}(\text{R}^a)_2$.

2. (Presently amended)

A compound according to Claim 1 and of



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formula I:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof, wherein:

a is 0 or 1;

b is 0 or 1;

~~R¹ is selected from aryl groups and heterocyclyl groups, wherein said aryl groups and heterocyclyl groups are optionally substituted with one or more R⁴ groups;~~

R² is selected from

- 1) ~~—(C=O)NR⁵R⁶;~~
- 2) ~~—(C=O)_a(C₁₋₁₀)alkyl;~~
- 3) ~~—(C=O)_a(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;~~
- 4) ~~—(C=O)_a(C₂₋₈)alkynyl;~~
- 5) ~~—(C=O)_a(C₃₋₁₀)cycloalkyl;~~
- 6) ~~—(C=O)_a(C₃₋₈)heterocyclyl; and~~
- 7) ~~—(C=O)_aaryl;~~

~~wherein, said aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocyclyl, and cycloalkyl are each optionally substituted with one or more groups independently chosen from R⁴ or two R⁴ groups can, whether or not on the same atom, be taken together with any attached or intervening atoms to which they are attached, form a 5-7 membered ring;~~

R³ and R⁴ are each independently selected from:

- 1) hydrogen,
- 2) halogen,
- 3) ~~—(C=O)_aO_b(C₁₋₁₀)alkyl,~~
- 4) ~~—(C=O)_aO_b(C₂₋₈)alkenyl,~~
- 5) ~~—(C=O)_aO_b(C₂₋₈)alkynyl,~~
- 6) ~~—(C=O)_aO_b(C₃₋₁₀)cycloalkyl,~~
- 7) ~~—(C=O)_aO_b(C₃₋₈)heterocyclyl,~~
- 8) ~~—(C=O)_aO_baryl,~~
- 9) ~~—(C=O)_aNR⁵R⁶,~~
- 10) ~~—O_b(C=O)NR⁵R⁶,~~
- 11) ~~—NR⁵(C=O)_aO_bR^b,~~
- 12) ~~—NR⁵(C=O)NR⁵R⁶,~~
- 13) ~~—NR⁵S(O)₂R^b,~~
- 14) ~~—(C=O)OH,~~
- 15) trifluoromethoxy,

- 16) trifluoroethoxy,
- 17) $-\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{perfluoroalkyl}$,
- 18) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{alkyl}$,
- 19) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{2-8})\text{alkenyl}$,
- 20) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{2-8})\text{alkynyl}$,
- 21) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-10})\text{cycloalkyl}$,
- 22) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-8})\text{heterocyclyl}$,
- 23) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b\text{aryl}$,
- 24) $-\text{NR}^5\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^5\text{R}^6$,
- 25) $-\text{CN}$
- 26) $-\text{NO}_2$,
- 27) oxo, and
- 28) $-\text{OH}$,

wherein said aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocyclyl, and cycloalkyl are each optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups;

R^5 and R^6 are each independently selected from:

- 1) hydrogen,
- 2) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{alkyl}$,
- 3) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{2-8})\text{alkenyl}$,
- 4) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{2-8})\text{alkynyl}$,
- 5) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-10})\text{cycloalkyl}$,
- 6) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-8})\text{heterocyclyl}$,
- 7) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b\text{aryl}$,
- 8) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^b)_2$,
- 9) trifluoromethoxy,
- 10) trifluoroethoxy,
- 11) $-(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{perfluoroalkyl}$,
- 12) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^b)_2$, and
- 13) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b\text{R}^b$,

wherein, said alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl are optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups, or

R^5 and R^6 can be taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle with 5-7 members in each ring and optionally containing, in addition to the nitrogen, one or two additional heteroatoms selected

from N, O, and S, wherein said monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle is optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups;

R^Z is selected from:

- 1) hydrogen,
- 2) halogen,
- 3) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{1-10})alkyl$,
- 4) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{2-8})alkenyl$,
- 5) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{2-8})alkynyl$,
- 6) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{3-10})cycloalkyl$,
- 7) $-(C=O)_aO_b(C_{3-8})heterocyclyl$,
- 8) $-(C=O)_aO_baryl$,
- 9) $-(C=O)_aN(R^b)_2$,
- 10) $-O_b(C=O)N(R^b)_2$,
- 11) $-NR^b(C=O)_aO_bR^b$,
- 12) $-NR^b(C=O)N(R^b)_2$,
- 13) $-NR^bS(O)_2R^b$,
- 14) $-(C=O)OH$,
- 15) trifluoromethoxy,
- 16) trifluoroethoxy,
- 17) $-O_b(C_{1-10})perfluoroalkyl$,
- 18) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{1-10})alkyl$,
- 19) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{2-8})alkenyl$,
- 20) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{2-8})alkynyl$,
- 21) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{3-10})cycloalkyl$,
- 22) $-S(O)_2O_b(C_{3-8})heterocyclyl$,
- 23) $-S(O)_2O_baryl$,
- 24) $-S(O)_2N(R^b)_2$,
- 25) $-NR^bS(O)_2N(R^b)_2$,
- 26) $-CN$,
- 27) $-NO_2$,
- 28) oxo, and
- 29) $-OH$,

wherein, said aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocyclyl, and cycloalkyl are each optionally substituted with one or more R^a groups;

R^a is selected from hydrogen, OH, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, halogen, CO₂H, CN, O(C=O)C₁₋₆ alkyl, NO₂, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, -O_b(C₁₋₁₀)perfluoroalkyl, and NH₂; and

R^b is hydrogen, -(C=O)_aO_b(C₁₋₁₀)alkyl, -(C=O)_aO_b(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, -(C=O)_aO_b(C₂₋₈)alkynyl, -(C=O)_aO_b(C₃₋₁₀)cycloalkyl, -(C=O)_aO_b(C₃₋₈)heterocyclyl, -(C=O)_aO_baryl, and (O)₂R^a; -(C=O)_aO_b(C₁₋₁₀)alkyl, -S(O)₂N(R^a)₂, -S(O)₂O_bR^a, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, or -O_b(C₁₋₁₀)perfluoroalkyl,

wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, and heterocyclyl are optionally substituted with up to three substituents selected from CO₂H, NH₂, OH, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, halogen, CN, O(C=O)C₁₋₆ alkyl, NO₂, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, -O_b(C₁₋₁₀)perfluoroalkyl and N(R^a)₂.

3. to 4 (Cancelled)

5. (Presently amended) A compound according to claim 2 ~~claim 4~~, wherein R¹ is selected from thiazol-4-yl and ~~;~~ thiazol-5-yl, ~~pyrazol-3-yl, pyrazol-4-yl, pyridin-2-yl, pyrazolinyl, oxazol-5-yl, and oxazol-4-yl,~~ further wherein R¹ is optionally substituted with one or more R⁴ groups.

6. (Original) A compound according to claim 5, wherein:
R³ and R⁴ are each independently selected from:

- 1) hydrogen,
- 2) halogen,
- 3) -(C=O)_aO_b(C₁₋₁₀)alkyl,
- 4) -(C=O)_aO_b(C₂₋₈)alkenyl,
- 5) -(C=O)_aO_b(C₂₋₈)alkynyl,
- 6) -(C=O)_aO_b(C₃₋₁₀)cycloalkyl,
- 7) -(C=O)_aO_b(C₃₋₈)heterocyclyl,
- 8) -(C=O)_aO_baryl,
- 9) -(C=O)_aNR⁵R⁶,
- 10) -NR⁵S(O)₂R^b,
- 11) trifluoroethoxy,
- 12) -O_b(C₁₋₁₀)perfluoroalkyl,
- 13) -S(O)₂O_b(C₁₋₁₀)alkyl,

14) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-10})\text{cycloalkyl}$,

15) $-\text{CN}$,

16) oxo, and

17) $-\text{OH}$,

wherein said aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocyclyl, and cycloalkyl are each optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 6, wherein:

R^5 and R^6 are each independently selected from:

- 1) hydrogen,
- 2) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{alkyl}$,
- 3) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-10})\text{cycloalkyl}$,
- 4) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b(\text{C}_{3-8})\text{heterocyclyl}$,
- 5) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})_a\text{O}_b\text{aryl}$,
- 6) $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^b)_2$, and
- 7) $(\text{C}_{1-10})\text{perfluoroalkyl}$.

further wherein, said alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl are optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups, or

R^5 and R^6 can be taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle with 5-7 members in each ring and optionally containing, in addition to the nitrogen, one or two additional heteroatoms selected from N, O, and S, wherein said monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle is optionally substituted with one or more R^Z groups.

8. (Original) A compound according to claim 7, wherein R^b is selected from:

hydrogen, -(C=O)_aO_b(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -(C=O)_aO_b(C₃₋₆)cycloalkyl,

-(C=O)_aO_b(C₃₋₆)heterocyclyl, -(C=O)_aO_baryl, (C₁₋₃)perfluoroalkyl, and

wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, and heterocyclyl are optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from NH₂, OH, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, halogen, CO₂H, CN, O(C=O)C₁₋₆ alkyl, NO₂, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy,

-O_b(C₁₋₁₀)perfluoroalkyl and N(R^a)₂.

9. to 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Presently amended) A compound according to claim 1, selected from:

N-isopropyl-N-phenyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-[(1R)-1-phenylpropyl]-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-

benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-

benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-benzyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-butyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(2-phenylethyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(2-methylbenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(2-fluorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(2-chlorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-

benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(3-fluorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(4-methylbenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(4-fluorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-

benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-

benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;

N-(3-methylbenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;

N-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
N-(4-bromobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
6-({[(3-methylphenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
N-methyl-N-phenyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
N-benzyl-N-methyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
N-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]-3,4-dihydroisoquinoline-2(1H)-carboxamide;
N-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]-3,4-dihydroquinoline-1(2H)-carboxamide;
N-ethyl-N-phenyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
6-({[methyl(2-methylphenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[methyl(3-methylphenyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[methyl(4-methylphenyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
N-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-N-methyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
6-({[sec-butyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[allyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(2-hydroxyethyl)(phenyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(4-hydroxyphenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-

2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
N-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-methyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
6-({[(3-chlorophenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(4-chlorophenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(2-cyanoethyl)(phenyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[methyl[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-amino}carbonyl)amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)(methyl)-amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(2,4-difluorophenyl)(methyl)-amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[benzyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[methyl(1-naphthyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[phenyl(1-phenylethyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[cyclohexyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
N-(1-phenylcyclopropyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
N-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-methyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-Benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
6-({[(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(1R)-1-phenylpropyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(1S)-1-phenylpropyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-({[(3-chlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((2,5-dichlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((3,5-dichlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-6-(((3(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((benzyl(ethyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((methyl[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((methyl[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)carbonyl]amino}-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((2-phenylcyclopropyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((4-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((3,5-dimethylphenyl)(methyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((5-isopropyl-2-methylphenyl)(methyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((6-methoxypyridinium-2-yl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((ethyl(3-methylbenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((3,4-dichlorobenzyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((2-bromothien-3-yl)methyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((methyl[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-3-ium-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((2,4-dichlorophenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

N-cyclopropyl-N-phenyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
N-[4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]-N-methyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
N-methyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]-N-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea;
1-[2-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-3-(2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzoimidazol-5-yl)-urea;
2-Pyridin 2-yl 3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylamine;
2-Oxazol 4-yl 3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylamine;
2-(1H-Pyrazol 3-yl)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylamine;
2-(1-Methyl-1H-pyrazol 3-yl)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylamine; and
pharmaceutically acceptable salts and stereoisomers thereof.

12. (Original) A compound according to claim 11, selected from:

N-(3-fluorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
N-benzyl-N-methyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
N-ethyl-N-phenyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]urea;
6-([methyl(3-methylphenyl)amino]-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([isopropyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([sec-butyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([allyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([(3-chlorophenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([(3,4-dichlorophenyl)(methyl)-amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([(1R)-1-phenylpropyl]amino)carbonyl)-amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([(3-chlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;

6-(((3,5-dichlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([benzyl(ethyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-(((3,5-dimethylphenyl)(methyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
6-([ethyl(3-methylbenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazole;
N-cyclopropyl-N-phenyl-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
1-[2-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-3-(2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-urea; and
pharmaceutically acceptable salts and stereoisomers thereof.

13. to 24.(Cancelled)

25. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

26. (Original) A composition of Claim 25 which further comprises an active ingredient selected from:

- a) an estrogen or an estrogen derivative, alone or in combination with a progestin or progestin derivative;
- b) a bisphosphonate;
- c) an antiestrogen or a selective estrogen receptor modulator,
- d) an $\alpha v \beta 3$ integrin receptor antagonist,
- e) a cathepsin K inhibitor,
- f) an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor,
- g) an osteoclast vacuolar ATPase inhibitor,
- h) an antagonist of VEGF binding to osteoclast receptors,
- i) an activator of peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ ,
- j) calcitonin,
- k) a calcium receptor antagonist,
- l) parathyroid hormone or analog thereof,
- m) a growth hormone secretagogue,
- n) human growth hormone,
- o) insulin-like growth factor,

- p) a p38 protein kinase inhibitor,
- q) bone morphogenetic protein,
- r) an inhibitor of BMP antagonism,
- s) a prostaglandin derivative,
- t) vitamin D or vitamin D derivative,
- u) vitamin K or vitamin K derivative,
- v) ipriflavone,
- w) fluoride salts,
- x) dietary calcium supplement, and
- y) osteoprotegerin.

27. (Original) A composition of Claim 26, wherein said bisphosphonate is alendronate.

28. to 31. (Cancelled)

32. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition made by combining a compound according to Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

33. (Original) A process for making a pharmaceutical composition comprising combining a compound according to Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

34. to 35 (Cancelled)

36. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, selected from:

- 6-(((3-methylphenyl)amino)carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((1R)-1-phenylethyl)amino)carbonyl)amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl)amino)carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((3,5-difluorophenyl)amino)carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((methyl(2-methylphenyl)amino)carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((methyl(3-methylphenyl)amino)-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((methyl(4-methylphenyl)amino)-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((sec-butyl(phenyl)amino)carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((allyl(phenyl)amino)carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((2-hydroxyethyl)(phenyl)amino)-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((4-hydroxyphenyl)(methyl)amino)-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((3-chlorophenyl)(methyl)amino)-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((4-chlorophenyl)(methyl)amino)-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((2-cyanoethyl)(phenyl)amino)-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((methyl[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-amino)carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((3,4-dichlorophenyl)(methyl)-amino)carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
- 6-(((2,4-difluorophenyl)(methyl)-amino)carbonyl)amino)-

2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([benzyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([methyl(1-naphthyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([phenyl(1-phenylethyl)amino]-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([cyclohexyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)amino]-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([[(1R)-1-phenylpropyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([[(1S)-1-phenylpropyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([(3-chlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([(2,5-dichlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-6-([3(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}carbonyl)amino)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([benzyl(ethyl)amino]carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([methyl[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([methyl[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([(2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)carbonyl]amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([(2-phenylcyclopropyl)amino]-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([(4-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl)amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;

6-({[(3,5-dimethylphenyl)(methyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-
2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[(5-isopropyl-2-methylphenyl)(methyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-
2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[(6-methoxypyridinium-2-yl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-
2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium bis(trifluoroacetate);
6-({[ethyl(3-methylbenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-
3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-
2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[(2-bromothien-3-yl)methyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]-
2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([methyl[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-3-ium-2-
yl]amino}carbonyl)amino]-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-
3H-benzimidazol-1-ium bis(trifluoroacetate);
6-({[(2,4-dichlorophenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-
2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
and stereoisomers thereof.

37. (Original) A compound according to claim 36, selected from:

6-({[methyl(3-methylphenyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-
benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[isopropyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-
benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[sec-butyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-
benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[allyl(phenyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-
benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[(3-chlorophenyl)(methyl)amino]-carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-
benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)(methyl)-amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-
benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-([[(1R)-1-phenylpropyl]amino}carbonyl)-amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-
benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
6-({[(3-chlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-

benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
 6-({[(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
 6-({[benzyl(ethyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
 6-({[(3,5-dimethylphenyl)(methyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
 6-({[ethyl(3-methylbenzyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
 and stereoisomers thereof.

38. to 39.(Cancelled)

40. (Presently amended) A compound selected from:

N-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)-*N'*-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;
 6-({[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)(methyl)-amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
 6-({[(2,4-difluorophenyl)(methyl)-amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;
N-(1-phenylcyclopropyl)-*N'*-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea; and
N-methyl-*N'*-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea ;
~~trans-5-{{[1-(2-Phenyl-cyclopropyl)-methanoyl]-amino}-2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzoimidazol-1-ium; 2,2,2-trifluoro-acetate;~~
~~(1*R*,2*R*)-2-Phenyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzoimidazol-5-yl)-amide;~~
~~(1*S*,2*S*)-2-Phenyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzoimidazol-5-yl)-amide;~~
~~5-(2-Phenyl-butanoylamino)-2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzoimidazol-1-ium; 2,2,2-trifluoro-acetate;~~
~~5-{{[1-(1-Phenyl-cyclopropyl)-methanoyl]-amino}-2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzoimidazol-1-ium; 2,2,2-trifluoro-acetate;~~

~~(2R)-2-Phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~3-Methyl-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~(2R)-3-Methyl-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~(2S)-3-Methyl-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~(2R)-2-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-propionamide;~~
~~(2S)-2-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-propionamide; and~~
~~2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide.~~

41. (Presently amended) A compound according to claim 40 which is
 selected from:

~~N-(1-phenylcyclopropyl)-N'-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;~~
~~trans-5-[[1-(2-Phenyl-cyclopropyl)-methanoyl]-amino]-2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-1-~~
~~ium; 2,2,2-trifluoro-acetate;~~
~~(1R,2R)-2-Phenyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-~~
~~amide;~~
~~(1S,2S)-2-Phenyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-~~
~~amide;~~
~~5-(2-Phenyl-butanoylamino)-2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium; 2,2,2-~~
~~trifluoro-acetate;~~
~~5-[[1-(1-Phenyl-cyclopropyl)-methanoyl]-amino]-2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium;~~
~~2,2,2-trifluoro-acetate;~~
~~(2R)-2-Phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~3-Methyl-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~(2R)-3-Methyl-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~(2S)-3-Methyl-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide;~~
~~(2R)-2-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-propionamide;~~
~~(2S)-2-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-propionamide; and~~
~~2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-N-(2-thiazol-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide.~~

42. (Presently amended) A compound according to claim 40 selected

from:

N-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)-*N'*-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]urea;

6-({[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)(methyl)-amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate;

6-({[(2,4-difluorophenyl)(methyl)-amino]carbonyl}amino)-2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-1-ium trifluoroacetate; and

N-methyl-*N'*-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea; and

~~3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-*N*-(2-thiazol-4-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-butyramide.~~